



Dear Parents and Carers,

God's gift of goodness is here, now – for free – for everyone! This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that, just like Jesus, we can rejoice in God's goodness – wherever it is found.

Our Catholic schools are diverse and enriching communities, founded by people with a desire to serve God and to help our children to be the best they can be. Parents, school and parish working together help our children grow in goodness,

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and unite all of us, enriching and enhancing the life of our school community. St Basil the Great reminds us, "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others."

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GOODNESS**.

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



**A Word from Pope Francis**

*"Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness. A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread."*

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024



John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out evil spirits in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you most truly, they will most certainly not lose their reward."

*Adapted from Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B*

**Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.  
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.**

**2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share**

**Good News for Everyone**

Whenever we perform an act of goodness for the love of God (without looking for personal praise or for thanks), even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others – showing God's goodness at work in our lives.



# Good News for Families

## TOGETHER TIME



### 1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

One day John came to Jesus and said, "Lord, we saw a man freeing people from evil in your name but, because we did not know him, we told him to stop." But Jesus said to John, "Do not stop him from doing good in my name. Those who are not against us are for us. Anyone who gives you even a drink of water, just because you belong to me, will not lose their reward."

**What did Jesus say would happen to people who showed goodness to those who belong to him?**

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

### 2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"God is good and all things that come from God are good." *St Hildegard of Bingen*

We can see God at work through the goodness in people around us. Ask your child what the word 'goodness' means to them. Who stands out for them as being full of goodness? How do they show that goodness? As a family, name a quality of goodness that you can see in each other (perhaps: helpfulness, politeness, thoughtfulness, patience, kindness). Are there any qualities of goodness that you would like to have more of?



We can show our love for God through trying our best to grow in goodness. Each of you decide on a particular act of goodness which you will offer at home, at school or in the parish - to make life better for others this week. Perhaps you can: be more compassionate and caring. Why not make a phone call or send a message to someone who may be lonely. Don't forget, we can always ask God to help us to grow in goodness.

## GOODNESS



3 \* Dear Lord Jesus, you are the source of all goodness. Thank you for all the people who to grow in goodness and become the best that we can be. Amen. \*

## FINDING FIVE

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## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- JOHN MAN
- FREEING PEOPLE
- JESUS APPROVES
- GOODNESS REWARDED

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters i u h in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

igohodu unahime sitouph firomuh

Jesus said to John, "Do not \_\_\_\_\_ him

\_\_\_\_\_ doing \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_."



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture



Throughout the gospels, Jesus tells us that we are not here only for ourselves - we're here to improve the lives of everyone around us with love, kindness, care and goodness.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley